

VSDB-MD at Hampton
Task Force Meeting 1 Summary
March 7, 2007

Panel Members in Attendance:

Robert Pietrasanta
Mrs. Claudine Wiggins
Ms. Stacy Machowski
Mr. David Young
Dr. Pat Russo
Dr. Milton Liverman

The meeting was started by the Task Force facilitator, Dr. John McLaughlin. Dr. Jeff Schuyler was introduced and will develop meeting summaries and other tasks for Dr. McLaughlin as the project proceeds. Introductions and an overview of the task force objectives were provided by John McLaughlin, Doug Cox and Karen Trump from the Virginia Department of Education.

The meetings are public but public comment will not be conducted. If an audience member wants to contribute, they can share that with Dr. Trump or schedule a personal interview with Dr. McLaughlin through Dr. Trump.

The Task Force reviewed today's objectives, ground rules, meeting agenda, decision-making process, roles and responsibilities, communication, becoming a team, and completion of required tasks. The task is to develop recommendations for the Dr. Billy Cannaday, Superintendent of Public Instruction about the following:

1. How to best serve students who are currently being served at VSDB/MD Hampton whose parents choose a regional day program, and
2. How to best use the campus as an educational facility in the future.

The Task Force is assisting with the first of three phases.

Phase I: Develop recommendations for the VDOE as requested.

Phase II: VDOE reviews the recommendations and develops a plan by August, 2007.

Phase III: The plan is implemented.

Dr. McLaughlin presented a model for the process: Forming, Informing, and Performing. Today's meeting is Forming, and future meetings will be Informing and Performing.

The Informing at the next meeting will be information requested by the team. Dr. McLaughlin and Dr. Schuyler will interview each of the panel members prior to the last meeting to assist with decision-making.

Panel members were asked to develop questions to guide the process of developing the recommendations requested. The draft guiding questions the group brainstormed are listed below:

1. What entity will administer the new program?
2. Will facility be responsibility of state, region, local entity?
3. What role, if any, will the program at Staunton play with respect to the Regional Day program?
4. What entity would oversee delivery of instruction? What core curriculum is needed?
5. What are the student demographics?
6. What are the programmatic needs? What is currently provided?
7. If programs moved to another location, what happens?
8. If students show up with various disabilities, will we have facilities to make appropriate accommodations, or will be doing other things like mainstream, focus to individual needs? Would we have good mainstreaming with local LEA's?
9. Will the current staff be here, the ones the students familiar with—for future services for students?
10. Are parents given two choices, or is it suggested that they talk with LEA re: services?
11. Find out what regional or cooperative programs are out there now and whether it be helpful if those were located here?
12. Can we expand the regional aspects of what the school might be doing?

The VDOE website is a rich resource for background information. Members were encouraged to review information to date at <http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/ssop/> . The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 26, 11 AM to 1 PM.

Decisions:

1. Find another parent to replace the parent member on the board who cannot participate.
2. Make the meetings shorter and more frequent (e.g., 11 AM to 1 PM) to help with participants schedules.
3. Create a synopsis of each meeting so that Task Force members can send to constituents.
4. Get a list of persons who participated in the public hearing for the Advisory Commission meeting held at Hampton to Dr. Russo.
5. Get list of area regional programs and demographics of students served.
6. As much as possible, get information to task force members prior to meetings.